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THE RETURN OF THE STEINWAY

by Joel Anderson, Director of Music

I am excited to report that our beloved Steinway B grand piano has at long last returned home to Saint Olaf, after being gone for nearly seven months. It has been in the St. Paul workshop of Mark Humphrey, expert piano technician and rebuilder, where it was carefully and lovingly restored.

If you've been following the status of the Steinway, you may recall that about a year and a half ago, I wrote an article in our quarterly newsletter outlining the need for refurbishment. Thanks to very generous donations, we were able to arrange the undertaking of this project early this year. Mr. Humphrey was able to schedule the restoration work to begin this past spring. We made arrangements for the piano to be brought to him just after Easter, expecting that the work would be completed and the piano returned by early July. Then, of course, the pandemic hit, causing delays. We went ahead with the project, but the Steinway parts factory in New York was forced to close. Since the project had two distinct stages, Mr. Humphrey was able to complete a significant portion of the work while waiting for the parts. By the end of April, he had the new pin block installed, new agraffes and felt in place, and the new strings strung and pulled to pitch. The Steinway factory reopened in late July, but had

a significant backlog of orders and a greatly reduced workforce. We didn't know how long it would be until the parts arrived. We waited patiently. Then on October 17, I received an excited message with the wonderful news that the parts had finally arrived that morning, and that the piano would be finished in a matter of weeks.

The primary reason for the restoration project was to preserve the lifespan of the instrument, to prevent damage, and to repair problems that come from years of use, wear, and tear. Just as God calls us to use the gifts he has given us through the interface of our human body and mind, pianos are intended to be played on a regular basis. However, over time, restoration will become necessary for even the most well-made pianos. A secondary benefit of conducting the restoration project is that the condition, tone, and playability of the piano can be improved, and in the hands of a master technician like Mr. Humphrey, the tone, response, and overall character of the piano is, in fact, actually better now than when the piano was brand new. Mr. Humphrey gave me detailed explanations regarding the materials and geometry of the action parts, some faults he found in the original positioning, and the adjustments he has made to improve these.

While I am just getting reacquainted with the instrument, I immediately noticed a new purity and resonance of tone, and a certain elegance and clarity to the response of the action that was not there before the restoration.

While the Steinway was away, the Kawai piano that normally resides in the Forliti Gathering Room nobly served us in the church: at the recorded and livestreamed Masses when we had no public liturgies; and after reopening at weekend Masses, Holy Days, weddings, and funerals. The Kawai even made an appearance in some virtual choir projects: our choir's virtual celebration of Saint Olaf Day in July, and two projects by From Age to Age, our premier choir-in-residence, which are currently underway and will be released soon. The Kawai piano has now returned to the gathering room, where it will once again be ready to accompany festivities in that space, whenever such gatherings are once again a possibility. Let us salute the honorable service the Kawai gave in the absence of the Steinway.

Thanks to the restoration project, the Steinway B grand piano will be able to faithfully serve Saint Olaf parish for decades to come. Stay tuned for news about upcoming dedicatory recitals and events which will celebrate the restoration and return of our beloved Steinway.



EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG/EVENTS

READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASS

Nov 15: Prv 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31, Ps 128, 1 Thes 5: 1-6, Mt 25: 14-30
Nov 22: Ez 34: 11-12, 15-17, Ps 23, 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28, Mt 25: 31-46

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL FOR 2021

All of our Saint Olaf households have received a letter from Fr. Kevin, a Stewardship Intention Card, and a reply envelope. We hope to hear from each of you. REVIEW your gifts that you have to share-support the ministries and organizations that are important to you. RENEW your commitments and determine how you are called to support Saint Olaf. RESPOND promptly by turning in your completed form to the parish office, in the mail, via the collection baskets, or online at www.SaintOlaf.org/renewal. Additional forms available online or in the acrylic holders at the main church entrances.

VOLUNTEER USHER HELPERS

With an increase in attendance at Mass, and anticipation of the Christmas celebrations, we are seeking usher helpers. We are trying to make sure we fit as many people in the lower part of the church as possible, so we are looking for people to help escort people to the pews to make sure we get maximum use of each pew. If you are willing to do this, please contact Fr Mike Krenik (612-767-6209 or frmkrenik@saintolaf.org) for training.

WATCH SAINT OLAF SUNDAY MASS ON CABLE TV

Watch our Sunday 10:00 am Mass on MCN Cable TV Channel 6 on Sunday evenings at 8:00 pm and replayed on Mondays at 10:00 am.

DAILY MASS LIVE STREAM

Saint Olaf live streams our Monday-Friday 12:00 noon Mass and our Sunday 10:00 am Mass. YouTube link: youtube.com/user/SaintOlafChurch/live.

On Facebook search for and like: **Saint Olaf Catholic Church, Downtown Minneapolis**. Saint Olaf also archives all of our Masses on the website, www.SaintOlaf.org/media.

SAMARITAN MINISTRY AND GIVING TREE

Even with early snow and cold, followed by unusual temps in the 70s last weekend, one thing is unchanged, Saint Olaf Samaritan Ministry needs winter coats to share with our guests. Men's sizes XL and larger are in very short supply. This very urgent need is one of many opportunities highlighted by the annual Samaritan Ministry Giving Tree now on full display under the skylight at the 8th Street entrance. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CHOIR

The choirs of Saint Olaf Catholic Church are preparing a virtual choir project for Christmas. Parish community members are invited to participate. Contact Joel Anderson for details: janderson@saintolaf.org or direct office line 612-767-7628.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for loved ones lost who are associated with Saint Olaf. We will post news of any pending Funeral Masses or Memorial services when they are scheduled. Please check saintolaf.org and click on Funeral in the top right of any page to see any the scheduled funerals.

Gene Kopyar, Parishioner – died October 30
Funeral was November 10, 10:30 am; Our Lady of Grace, Edina



THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT SAINTOLAF.ORG

WELCOME HOME

We have returned to our regular Mass schedule. Please be patient with us as we maneuver a new way of existing.

Please be attentive to the following:

- If you are sick, please stay home
- Please arrive no earlier than 15 minutes before Mass starts (allow us to clean the Church between Masses)
- Please enter through the Parking Lot doors or the Handicapped Door off of Eighth Street
- Hand sanitizer is available
- Please wear a mask and observe social distancing

*Building closes at 1:00pm Monday - Friday until further notice.
Offices are open until 4:30pm Monday-Thursday*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

12:00 PM MASS	7:00 AM MASS
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS	7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
4:00 PM MASS	12:00 PM MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

6:00 AM MASS	7:00 AM MASS
8:00 AM MASS	7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
10:00 AM MASS	12:00 PM MASS
12:00 PM MASS	12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
4:00 PM MASS	

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16	7:00 AM MASS
7:00 AM MASS	7:30 AM CONFESSIONS
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS	11:00 AM ADORATION
12:00 PM MASS	12:00 PM MASS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00 AM MASS	12:00 PM MASS
7:30 AM CONFESSIONS	12:30 PM CONFESSIONS
12:00 PM MASS	4:00 PM MASS
12:30 PM CONFESSIONS	

ANNUAL BUDGET AS OF WEEK #18

CONTRIBUTIONS	ACTUAL	BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Oct 26-Nov 1	\$20,328	\$21,693	-\$1,455
YTD through Week #18	\$279,533	\$316,114	-\$36,581

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Olaf.